

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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December 2, 2021

## OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Monday through Thursday  
and will be closed on Fridays.

## PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

**Sunday:** Worship, Sunday School & Confirmation (when in session)  
**Monday:** remote, appointments as needed  
**Tuesday:** 10:00am - 11:15 pm for staff meeting  
11:15 am - 2:00 pm for office hours  
**Wednesday:** 10:00am - 12:00 pm; home visits as needed  
**Thursday:** 10:00am - 2:00 pm office hours

## Fall Fling



*Outside cleanup of the church  
is scheduled for  
Saturday, December 4th  
9:00 am to noon.*



*Please bring your rakes and blowers if you have them.  
There are some tools available at the church.*



Check us out!  
[@stjohnsudbury](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsudbury)



Visit our YouTube Channel  
All of our worship videos  
are available to watch at  
our YouTube channel.

Find us at:  
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**DECEMBER 9th, 4:00 PM –  
ZOOM Meeting to Discuss  
Race, Racism, and  
Antiracism.**

Our group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4:00 PM for informal, unstructured discussion about books, ideas, and experiences touching on race, racism, and antiracism.

Please join us!

Any questions, contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044.



**ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO BOOK CLUB FOR  
DECEMBER 7th AND 14th**

Please join us!!!

ZOOM book club meetings will be on Tuesdays, December 7th and December 14th, at 11:00 AM for a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

On December 21st, we will discuss “The Yellow Bird Sings” by Jennifer Rosner.

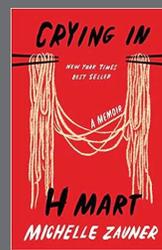
Any questions, contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044.

Next books:

**December 21, 2021, “The Yellow Bird Sings” by Jennifer Rosner**

**January 18, 2022, “Crying in H Mart” by Michelle Zauner**

**February 15, 2022, “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes**



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

Brian Young  
Norma Duane  
Angelika Zollfrank  
Alexis Marsh  
Bill Davis  
Marilyn Hartke  
Ann Kirk  
Carolyn Sweeney  
Liz Arthofer  
Corey P  
The Reed/Rose Family (bereavement)

Christopher Miller  
John Duane  
Liz Tolbert  
Ruth Avery  
Janice Potter  
Jan Nielsen  
Liz Radoski  
Claudine  
Meg Davis  
Alice P.

Charles Miller  
Helen Williams  
Rhonda Tibbetts  
Pat Quinn  
Wendy  
Marilyn Kunelius  
Judy  
Joan Niemi  
Joan LeDuc  
Chuck P.



## CREATE IN ME

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, ELW 186*

Waiting and Expectation.

These words sound somewhat passive in their general use because they point to a time in the future. In a book I read to my daughter, Waiting is Not Easy by Moe Willems, Piggie, an elephant named Gerald's best friend, has a surprise that's not ready yet. Throughout the book, Gerald complains about waiting, complains about how long they've been standing around, and finally laments that it's become night and it's now too late for Piggie's surprise. It's then that Piggie points to the night's sky and the next page reveals a beautiful starry sky.

Waiting is not easy.

Expectation makes us anxious with eager anticipation.

Neither are passive because both require our time and attention.

Jesus instructs his disciples, "Keep awake!" when speaking of the trials to come, "for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. If the strong man had known at what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into" (Matthew 25:42-43).

Though there's probably enough written about these particular verses to fill a room, this is an interesting caution because it isn't speaking to "little ones", which can be interpreted as either children or those who are new to the spiritual life and the journey of faith. This reference to the strong man is a strong caution to those who may consider themselves mature in their faith to remain vigilant and watchful.

But for what?

What's really at stake?

I think what's at stake for those surprised by the return of our Lord or vulnerable to the thief who might break in and steal is the sense that we all experience at some point, that we've learned so much, experienced enough, or wrestled hard enough — that our "faith muscles" are well enough developed that we no longer need to "train". We've all had experience with someone we respect as an expert in our field saying something that's just out of left field according to current understandings because they haven't kept up with current scholarship. We've all experienced disappointment or hurt from someone we respect or expect to treat us better than they have at some point or another. We're all human — all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Paul writes in Romans 3.

Looking at the people with whom Jesus has the most conflict in the Gospels, we discover that those who are new or young in their faith aren't the ones angry at him, but it's the elders, priests, scribes, and Pharisees.

The Church Council is mad at Jesus for driving people out of the narthex. The Altar Guild is angry that Jesus touched fair linen without first washing his hands. Sunday school teachers are in revolt because Jesus is teaching something that's not in the curriculum. Fellowship is frustrated that Jesus is having church picnics without involving them in planning! The pastor is angry that Jesus is disturbing the equilibrium of the congregation!

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The people in the local Catholic congregation who have been living lives of faith for a long time — I've heard they grow complacent. People at the Baptist congregation down the road who have been leaders in the church for a long time reportedly have a tendency to feel somehow entitled to our ways of doing things. Those congregationalists just kind of clump together in their own little circles and don't really pay attention to what the world around them needs.

It's a good thing we're ELCA Lutherans and not like those Missouri Synod Lutheran folks!

Or — perhaps we can see a little of ourselves in this, after all.

The trouble those of us who have the experience of long term faith can encounter is the lure of complacency that ends up robbing us of continued opportunities to grow, to be shaped, to continue our formation as disciples. Our complacency becomes stubbornness and rigidity — a sclerosis of the heart that cannot welcome those who are young in faith because we can become so stuck in the ways we've always done things.

When we experience this, waiting and expectation can become passive and adjectival. They become descriptive of inaction and a stale sedentary culture of lukewarmness. When we fail to keep awake, alert to the coming of God into our lives, faith stops being a verb or an lifegiving action and becomes a simple word.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me* are words from a post-Communion canticle based on Psalm 51, but they're also the words of prayer for those of us who have been in this for the long haul. Teach us the joy of new faithfulness. Teach us the renewing power of the free Spirit bestowed upon us at baptism. Allow us to see with new eyes the wonders of what God is doing in the world. Break our new hearts when we see the suffering of others

We wait in joyful expectation during Advent.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and let not our hearts be passive.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Eric

## **PASTOR'S CLASSES**

Pastor Eric offers Pastor's classes over Zoom in 6-12 week segments to encourage grownups of all ages to explore their faith. Classes meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Pastor Eric's six week Monday evening class called *The Way: Who Are We Now?* continues on Monday, December 6th at 7:30pm on the St. John ZOOM account.

During this class we will explore the ways our lives have changed, the way the world around us has changed, and how that affects the way we hear our baptismal call to follow Jesus.

Week 6: *The Way We Will Be: Looking to a Hopeful Future*

Look for a new class to begin in the NEW YEAR!

## OUTREACH NEWS

### Ascentria Afghan Resettlement

The Ascentria Response Team is up and running! Ascentria is the state agency responsible for resettlement in the areas of Worcester, W. Springfield and Concord, NH. Your Outreach Team reminds you to consider the needs below by going to [www.Ascentria.org](http://www.Ascentria.org) to learn more and to donate your time or your monetary gift. Outreach Ministry has made a recent monetary contribution. Additionally, Johanna Ellis is active with a volunteer support team to help a recently settled Afghan family locally through DIAS.

The following news was recently received from Ascentria and edited for space.

*Every day we receive notice that more Afghan evacuees have been assigned and are awaiting travel for resettlement through Ascentria. As of November 11th we have welcomed 71 Afghan evacuees – 57 in Massachusetts and 14 in New Hampshire. An additional 31 people are scheduled to travel to Massachusetts for resettlement within the next week. Ascentria launched three Amazon wish lists filled with essential home goods. These items will help make Afghans' new houses, homes. So far you have donated 552 items worth \$10,892. Your donations and grants have helped raise more than \$867,173! Thank you for your ongoing support. Our two new volunteer coordinators are quickly getting up to speed as they hold orientations, determine where and how volunteers can help and then connecting volunteers with assignments.*

Other Ascentria Response priorities for your attention include Advocacy to our Representatives and Senators; Foster Care for unaccompanied Refugee Minors (webinar on 1/5/22 at noon – register on Ascentria website); Filling Staffing Needs – Case Manager, Staff Attorney, and Paralegal; Donations needed in amounts from \$25 to \$500 to resettle Afghan Families; and Help Set Up Homes using Amazon Wish List (select an item)

### **Good News Garage (excerpt from the GNG Fall 2021 newsletter) (GNG is a division of Ascentria, formerly Lutheran Social Services)**

The national car shortage continues to impact our programs and is hitting low-income individuals and families the hardest. Because of this, our mission is as critical as ever.

Since GNG was founded in 1996, dozens of new car donation programs have popped up and many of them claim to "change lives," but it's not always clear how. Many of them sell 100% of the donated cars they receive and keep the proceeds. We remain one of the only car donation programs in the nation with the goal of repairing and awarding donated cars to people in need – as many as possible! We recently delivered our 5,500th car to a thrilled client!!

We believe that our new tagline helps differentiate us from other programs by speaking to exactly what we do, and how we're different. We're here to help you "pass your keys to a neighbor in need!"

Our goal is to increase opportunities for working, low-income individuals to move toward financial and social stability. We accept all types of vehicles – cars, vans, trucks, boats, motorcycles and more – running or not. For more information or to make a donation, stop by our Manchester, NH or Burlington, VT office, visit [GoodNewsGarage.org](http://GoodNewsGarage.org), or call 877.GIVE.AUTO (877.448.3288).

A member of St. John made a donation of a non-running 16 year old automobile by calling the Manchester, NH office. A friendly person collected pertinent information and in a very short time, paperwork and physical transfer and title instructions were received, a car carrier arrived and the automobile was on its way to Manchester for refurbishing and donation to a needy family. The goal was met again to provide transportation for work, shopping, or school to a rural New England family. Donate a car today as many St. John members have done, and tell your neighbors and friends.

Outreach Ministry recently made a financial contribution to Good News Garage.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS STARTING AGAIN

You will see the friendly food cart in the Lounge for collections of shelf-stable food items to be delivered once/month to Acton Food Pantry. We postponed these collections during the onset of COVID but now, with some modifications, are prepared to deliver your donations there in 2022. Please thoughtfully bring your in-date items whenever you come into our church building for those in our area who continue to struggle with food insecurity and we will deliver them monthly or whenever the cart overflows!

Your Outreach Ministry made significant monetary contributions during COVID shutdowns to all the local food pantries – Acton, Concord, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury – and will continue to support and assess their individual needs.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT CARD COLLECTION



Assabet Valley Boys and Girls Club is up and running, and once again, St. John is offering Christmas support through gift cards. Because of the devastating economic effect of the pandemic on many families attending AVBGC, the director asked that we donate only essentials this year: food, gas and clothing. So, if supporting these local families is something you would like to make a part of your Christmas giving, please

consider Maynard area supermarkets, gas stations and places that sell clothing such as Target or Walmart.

The cards will be collected until December 17th. Please leave in the office in the Cards for Kids box, or give to Nancy Haugsjaa or any member of Outreach (Larry Kivimaki, John Pearson, Johanna Ellis, Christine Barilone). If you wish to make a donation of cash, we will happily see to buying the cards. Thanks so much for your generosity!

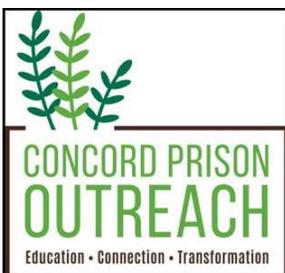
### THE MITTEN TREE IS IN THE LOUNGE!

Handmade as well as purchased gloves, mittens, hats and scarves are welcome. We are anticipating a high need this year! These will be given to local organizations where the need is determined to be the greatest.

Thank you for your help!



## CONCORD PRISON OUTREACH (CPO) HOLIDAY GIFT PROJECT



Over many years St John members have participated generously and actively in the CPO holiday program at the two Concord prisons. Unfortunately, the project has changed in the past two years because of Covid-19. This year CPO still plans to distribute a small gift of personal care products for each of 2,300 inmate.

An even larger program includes Concord as well as the men's facility in Shirley and the women's facility in Framingham. They are not accepting donated items at this time.

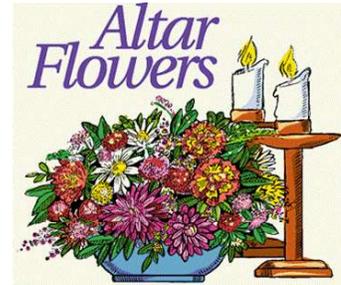
## THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH

We need your help with preparing the church for Christmas! Carol Leighton is in need of someone to help set up the Christmas tree on Saturday, December 18th. If you are available to help please give her a call at 978-897-5938. Then on Sunday, December 19th, immediately following the worship service, we will be adorning the sanctuary for our Christmas celebration. Please plan to stay if you are able. Thank you.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The new altar flower schedule is up (on the bulletin board across from the office) for 2022. You may also call the church office. Please consider adorning the altar in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. You are welcome to take the flowers with you after the worship service.

The cost of the flowers is \$40.00 this year.



## POINSETTIAS

Help make the sanctuary look extra special this Christmas! Donate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. The cost is \$13.00 per plant. You may use the blue envelopes that are located in the pews. Please make sure to write the names clearly.

## MAKE CHRISTMAS DINNER SPECIAL FOR MAYNARD FAMILIES

Our St John family has traditionally provided Christmas dinners for Maynard families through the Maynard Food Pantry. This year the need is greater than ever, and the food pantry has asked us to provide dinner items for 8 families. The items that we collect are very specific: a bag of apples, a bag of oranges, a fresh whole squash, a bag of potatoes, a bag of full-size (not baby) carrots, a bag of sweet potatoes, 3 cans of vegetables, a bottle of fruit juice, a package of rolls, a box of stuffing, a frozen turkey or ham, and some baked goods for dessert. This link will bring you to the Google document that tracks sign ups. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J5gesnuxx6VRubBUHpGwV74dHZV1HpGnvG87r8ETOCi/edit>

You can also call the office and talk to Michelle, who will be happy to sign you up!

Non-perishables can be delivered to the bin in the Lounge. Refrigerated or frozen items can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer in the Main Kitchen. Just please let us know that you have dropped your items off there and label them with a note so we know who we have gotten donations from. All items are due to church by Sunday, December 19th. We will then deliver them to the Maynard Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Rose <mailto:mrose@stjohnsudbury.org> or Jen Adams <mailto:jenerbadams@gmail.com> or Christine Barilone <mailto:rbarilone@hotmail.com>.

## FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY (source-Quantanary Science Reviews)

56 Million is the estimated number of Indigenous Americans (North, Central, and South) killed by violence, famine, and disease due to European colonization from 1492-1600. That is a 90% drop in the Indigenous population. It was a decline so rapid it caused the earth's temperature to cool because it left vast tracts of deserted land to revert to wilderness vegetation. The decrease in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere resulted in global cooling in the century before the Industrial Revolution.

## MAKE CHRISTMAS DINNER SPECIAL FOR MAYNARD FAMILIES

This year we will once again be working with the Maynard Food Pantry to provide Christmas dinners for Maynard families. They are hoping that St John can provide the items for 8 meals. The items that we collect are very specific: a bag of apples, a bag of oranges, a fresh whole squash, a bag of potatoes, a bag of full-size (not baby) carrots, a bag of sweet potatoes, 3 cans of vegetables, a bottle of fruit juice, a package of rolls, a box of stuffing, a frozen turkey or ham, and some baked goods for dessert. We will have a sign up available in December, but we wanted you know so that you may consider this opportunity as you think about your holiday giving.

## THIS SUNDAY PIGS WILL FLY!

On December 5th, Gloria and the barnyard puppets will be performing Jeff Fuhrer's original song "If Pigs Could Fly" to kick off our annual God's Global Barnyard campaign, which raises money for the ELCA Good Gifts program. Over the past 10 plus years, our St John family has given chicks, piglets, goats, cows, bees, and vegetable gardens as well as schooling, blankets, and mosquito nets to our global community. Our piggy enjoys eating cash and checks. Please make checks out to St John and note that it is for God's Global Barnyard in the memo section. You can stop by our bulletin board in the Nursery hallway and add your favorite animals or items to God's Global Barnyard. Be sure to stuff our God's Global Barnyard piggy bank anytime during the month of December. Let's make God's Global Barnyard grow!!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP!

On November 21st, St John families gathered during the Sunday School hour to relaunch our traditional Spread the Bread project. We are grateful for every loaf—banana, date, zucchini nut, pumpkin, lemon poppyseed, cranberry, and hearty Italian bread. It smelled delicious! We worked together to wrap and decorate cards for 88 LOAVES OF BREAD! Four boxes of bread were delivered bright and early on Monday, November 22nd to the Marlboro Community Cupboard, who distributed the breads with their Thanksgiving dinners. Thanks to all our bakers, wrappers, and card decorators!!



## CONFIRMATION CONNECTION

On Sunday, November 21st, our Confirmation class and their families gathered to study Kings. Pastor Eric led us through the history that Kings documents, and we made a few stops along the way to enjoy selected stories shared through short "plays". We learned a lot and laughed a lot too. We also wrote notes to 14 college students from our St John family and stuffed care packages with hot chocolate, pencils, candy, a Christmas clip, sticky notes, granola bars, and Advent calendars for them. The care packages will be sent this week so that students receive them as they prepare for finals.

## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL IS COMING

Our youth will share The Living Word as our Christmas Gospel this year during the service on December 19th. We hope you will join us as we share the experiences of Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, and, of course, baby Jesus. It's a story we hear every year, and yet, this presentation will fill your heart with joy as we enter the final week of Advent. Youth of all ages are invited to participate!

## **NATIVE AMERICAN NAMES**

The United States of America contains 50 states, and 27 state names are based in American Indian languages:

Alabama (Choctaw), Alaska (Aleut), Arizona (O'odham), Arkansas (Illinois), Connecticut (Algonquian), Hawaii (from the indigenous language of Hawai'i), Idaho (Apache), Illinois (Algonquian language group, probably Miami), Iowa (Dakota), Kansas (Kansas), Kentucky (Seneca), Massachusetts (Narragansett), Michigan (Ottawa), Minnesota (Dakota), Mississippi (Ojibwe), Missouri (Missouri), Nebraska (Chiwere), New Mexico (Nahuatl), North and South Dakota (Dakota), Ohio (Seneca), Oklahoma (Choctaw), Tennessee (Cherokee), Texas (Caddo), Utah (Apache), Wisconsin (Miami), and Wyoming (Lenape).

Some local schools with Native American Names:

Algonquin Regional High School -- Northborough and Southborough

Apponequet Regional High School--Freetown and Lakeville

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School –Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough

King Philip Regional High School -- Norfolk, Plainville, and Wrentham

Nashoba Regional High School – Bolton, Lancaster, and Stow

Nipmuc Regional High school -- Mendon and Upton

Some Massachusetts towns & places with Native American Names:

Assabet River: at the boggy place

Chappaquiddick Island: separated island

Cochituate: a place of swift water

Cohasset: long rocky placed

Hockomock Swamp: evil spirt

Mashpee: place near great cove

Mattapoissett: resting place or edge of cove

Mattapan: resting place or end of portage

Merrimac River: at the deep place

Nahant: the point or almost an island

Nantasket Beach: low tide place

Nanticoke: (Nantucket) Faraway Land

Quabbin Reservoir: crooked streams

Natick: the place I seek or home

Sagamore: sachem, or high leader

Shawmut Peninsula: (Boston) place to draw up canoes

Wachusett: near the mountain

## **PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Eternal Father, You created us in Your own image and likeness, but sin has warped the minds of men, and throughout the world there is much injustice and much carelessness of the rights of other people and personal responsibility.

Lord, when You are excluded from the hearts and consciences of men, the inevitable result is that people suffer and Lord, there is much injustice and corruption taking place in our world today, not only in the lives of individuals but also in the corridors of power and the council rooms of many nations.

We pray Lord, that You will right all the wrongs that are taking place in our world and vindicate those that are being treated unjustly. Keep us Father, from trying to take matters into our own hands for vengeance is Your and You will repay. But Lord, in Your grace and mercy, we pray that you would give justice and peace to all those that have been cruelly and unfairly treated by their fellow man, and may the injustice and carelessness that they have had to endure be the means to draw them into Your saving arms of grace. We ask this in the precious name of the Lord Jesus,

Amen

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Justice>



# **Celebrating Mary/Maryam's (pbuh) Life**

**From the Biblical and  
the Quranic Perspective**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Join us for a Discussion**

**Rev. Cindy Jacobsen (Lutheran Church of  
the Redeemer) & Shaheen Akhtar  
(Interfaith Liaison for Muslim Community  
at Large)**

**RSVP: [cminterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:cminterfaith@gmail.com)**

**Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3oh9qlH>**

# UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN

December 5th	-9:30 am - Worship at St. John (In-person) -10:50 am - Family Sunday School at St. John (I-P) -6:30 pm - Confirmation (I-P)
December 6th	-10:00 am - Seniorcise -7:30 pm - Who Are We Now? (Pastor Eric's Class)
December 7th	-11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group -7:00 pm - Social Justice Event
December 8th	-10:00 am - Seniorcise
December 9th	-10:30 am - Bible Study w/ Ippolit Matjucha -4:00 pm - Discussion Group on Racism/ Anti-Racism
December 10th	-7:30 pm - Knitting/Sewing Group
December 12th	-9:30 am - Worship at St. John (I-P) -10:50 am - Sunday School at St. John (I-P) -6:30 pm - Confirmation (I-P)
December 13th	-10:00 am - Seniorcise
December 14th	-11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
December 15th	-10:00 am - Seniorcise -7:30 pm - Council Meeting
December 16th	-10:30 am - Bible Study w/ Ippolit Matjucha -6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice (I-P) -7:00 pm - Choir Practice (I-P)
December 17th	-7:30 pm - Knitting/Sewing Group
December 19th	-9:30 am - Worship (Christmas Gospel) at St. John (I-P) -10:50 am - Sunday School at St. John (I-P) -6:30 pm - Confirmation (I-P)

Login information  
<https://zoom.us/j/9784438350>  
 Meeting ID: 978 443 8350  
 (or call in 1-312-626-6799)



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 5	Advent 2	9:30 am
December 12	Advent 3	9:30 am
December 19	Advent 4 (Christmas Gospel)	9:30 am
	Followed by the Greening of the Church	
December 24th	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm & 10:00 pm
December 26th	1st Sunday after Christmas	9:30 am
January 2nd	2nd Sunday after Christmas	9:30 am



We are asking you to sign up if you are planning to attend one of the Christmas Eve services. You may do that by calling the church office or by using the link in the body of the e-mail that this newsletter was attached to. This will allow us to safely seat everyone and to keep you updated if COVID protocols change. Thank you for your understanding.

Please let Valerie know if you are available for helping during any of these worship times. Your participation is welcomed, needed and appreciated.